one on the East Coast and the other in the West Coast. A Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Indian Ports Association for facilitating setting up of two international size shipyards. The report of the Committee has been received.

The Committee has identified setting up of international size shipyard at the following locations on the West Coast:

(1) Mundra in Gujarat

(2) Pipavav in Gujarat

(d) and (e) Government of India has nominated Mumbai Port Trust and Ennore Port Limited to function as the Nodal Agencies for setting up of shipyards on the West Coast of India and the East Coast of India respectively. The nodal agencies have been entrusted with the responsibility/job of engaging consultants. The nodal agencies have been authorized to appoint consultants with clear terms of reference who *inter alia*, would identify 3 or 4 alternative sites each for setting up of shipyard on West Coast and East Coast of India respectively and also suggest optimal locations with detailed justification and also for preparing, *inter alia*, detailed project reports, documents for request for proposals/ qualifications etc. for setting up two international size shipyards. As such, no definite time frame can be set for finalization of location of the projects.

Six laning of Delhi-Dehradun NH

3353. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval has been accorded to the project for six-laning of Delhi-Dehradun National Highway (NH);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has been seized of the importance and urgency of widening of Delhi-Dehradun NH especially keeping in view the requirement of smooth conduct of Mahakumbha scheduled at Haridwar in 2010;

(d) if so, the details of priority accorded, if any, to this NH project;

(e) whether commencement of project has occurred already;

(f) if so, the details thereof indicating the expected date of its completion; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (g) Delhi-Dehradun stretch of NH-58 and 72 has been identified for 4/6-laning under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase III on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) mode based on the criteria of high density of traffic and connectivity of State capitals with corridors of NHDP Phase I and II. The present status of this stretch is as under:

(i) Delhi-Meerut section of NH-58 is already 4-laned and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 6-laning is in progress.

(ii) The work of 4-laning of Meerut-Muzaffarnagar section of NH-58 on BOT basis is in progress and targeted for completion by March, 2009.

(iii) The work of 4-laning of Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar section could not be awarded as only single bid was received and the same was cancelled. For re-bidding of this section, updation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per new Model Concession Agreement (MCA) as decided by Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) is in progress. The Haridwar-Dehradun section is passing through Rajaji National Park and clearance is to be obtained from the Central Empowered Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. After clearance from Central Empowered Committee and PPPAC, bidding process is to be taken up for award for 4-laning work. It is too early to indicate the completion time of 4-laning work of Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar-Dehradun section at this stage. However, the same may not be completed by 2010 keeping in view the time taken in obtaining the clearance from Central Empowered Committee and PPPAC as well as response of bidders.

Progress of work on NHs

3354. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of highways projects, including upto six-laning of NHs, approved and implemented since 2000-01 showing the time taken by Government since receipt of proposal for length of construction, in granting of approval, commencing the work, commenced and completed the same in each case, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the details of proposals, both approved and new, pending as on March 31, 2006 and 2007 showing length and cost estimation of each, State-wise; and

(c) the details of projects received, fund allocations during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 indicating State's name, number of projects and lengths thereof and volume of funds allocated in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unnecessary intersection on NH

3355. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of intersections allowed in a stretch of one kilometer of highway;

(b) whether six intersections have been made in a stretch of 3 kms. of National Highway No. 2 in front of village Baghai, Tehsil Tundla, District Firozabad of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether NHAI has received a representation from local MP and other residents in this regard so as to stop the intersections which are very dangerious leading to major road accidents and criminal activities;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, by when the unnecessary intersection would be closed for the safety of commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Median openings are generally limited to